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It has come to my attention that people who have completed an adoption with an adoption agency are not included on the list of people who are authorized to file a complaint against an adoption agency. This must be an oversight, but certainly is one that must be corrected.

While in the process of an adoption many parents are afraid to file any complaints out of fear that an agency will make it impossible to complete the adoption. Often these parents have already met their child and are trying to bring the child home. They are in a vulnerable state and understandably need to act in the best interest of themselves and their child vs. what is good for adoptive parents at large. Only after completing their adoption are they able to freely discuss issues they had with their agency and file a formal complaint without fear of retribution.

Please keep the best interest of adopting parents in mind and see to it that this omission is corrected. Thank you for your consideration.

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